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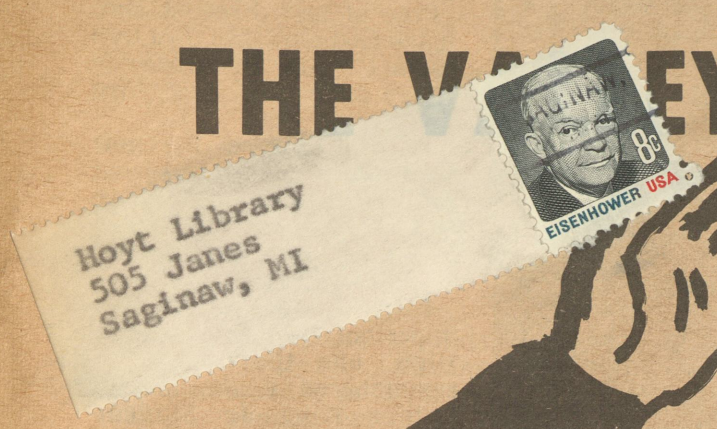

Martin Luther King Jr. Student Service Center Dedicated

Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. stands in the shadows of his late son Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Martin Luther King being intervied by Saginaw High Students.

Welcomed by many.

BY CHARLENE COLVIN

Icy winds and warm handshakes greeted Rev Martin L. King Sr as he stepped off his plane Wednesday afternoon at Tri-City Airport. He was in Saginaw for the dedication of Saginaw High's Martin Luther King Jr Student Service Center and was welcomed by a party from Saginaw High School, including Principal Gene Nuckolls, students Ted Brown, Ed West and Yolanda Yanez (Helen of Troy), and PTSA officers, Mr and Mrs Charles Farrell, Mr and Donald Fiske, Mr and Mrs Fred Clay, Mrs Charles McMillan, Mrs Jacqueline Wyman, Rev Nick Hall, Mr Casey Hager, David Lawrence and committee chairman, Mrs Minnie Ham.

Also on hand was a TV5 news crew, who interviewed Rev King for several minutes in the chilly wind of the airfield. Rev King answered questions about national policies and progress in civil rights. He also talked about the progress of the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), and expressed high hopes for the future of the organization. Rev King is a member of the Board of Directors.

Rev King was then introduced to the members of the welcoming party and driven to the Holiday Inn in a caravan with Sheriff's Department escorts.

In his suite at the Holiday Inn, Rev King was again interviewed, first by students of Saginaw High School, who were staff members of the SHS Lantern, a monthly news magazine, and then by Mrs Carrie Zackrie, a Saginaw High counselor whose office is located in the new Service Center.

In this second interview, which was video taped for use by the Board of Education, Rev King spoke on several topics. Regarding students with problems, he said that it is important to maintain a sense of unity and of facing common problems. Also he reminded students not to hide from problems, to withdraw into laziness, or to refuse to think just because the problems are hard.

Black pride, "Are we saying we never had any pride before? There's pride in all of us; there has always been pride. Many of the passing fads we follow we don't know why we go along with them. We should ask ourselves, why are we going along with this? Does it make a man better?"

What is his most important message?

"Brotherly love. Love that way, talk that way, work that way. It isn't love that has assassinated our leaders. Love never fails; hate fails."

Following these interviews, a fried chicken dinner was served to Rev King and a group of special guests. In addition to the students and PLSA officers who welcomed Rev King at the airport, also present were Rev Gary Miller, Rev J. Alston, Rev J. Barthel and Mr Detwiler and Miss Pryor of the Board of Education. With Rev King at the head table were Principal Gene Nuckolls, school board president, Ruben Daniels and school superintendent, Dr Jack Taylor.

The excellent dinner was accompanied by good conversation, acquainting Rev. King with the community and giving him a few moments to relax before the evening ahead.

The dedication ceremonies for the Martin Luther King Jr Student Service Center were held in the Saginaw High School auditorium on Wednesday evening, January 12. The large auditorium was nearly filled for the evening program. The audience included many community leaders, school officials, teachers, parents and a large number of students. It was as well integrated a group as has been gathered in Saginaw recently.

The Rev Harold C. Huggins was introduced and gave an invocation which portrayed a great struggle to be won by man with divine guidance.

One of the school choirs began the program with very moving arrangements of "Deep River" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Next were brief welcoming remarks from leading citizens.

Ruben Daniels, president of the Board of Education said, "Evenings like this make the job (of board president) worthwhile." He described the contributions to society of Rev King's three children (of whom only one daughter is living) and concluded that only fine parents and a stable home could have produced such a family. He quoted a well-known poem entitled, "Children Learn What They Live."

Dr Jack Taylor, Superintendent of Schools, called Rev King "an inspiring and noteworthy individual" whom Saginaw is fortunate to be able to welcome.

Paul Wendler, Mayor of the City of Saginaw, welcomed Rev King on behalf of the city and brought greetings from the members of the city council. He then presented to Rev King, as an honored visitor, a miniature silver logmark, which is a symbol of Saginaw's logging history, and Saginaw's version of the key to the city. This Rev. King accepted with thanks.

The next speaker was Ted Brown, a student, who explained in some detail the design and function of the Student Service Center. Quartered in the former West Hall are seven guidance counselors, one social worker, one job placement coordinator, two drop-out specialists, one college-bound counselor, two attendance specialists, and the assistant principal for instruction and guidance.

West Hall has always been the counseling office. The recent remodeling of the area has increased privacy and thus confidential out of the respect for students. The renaming and dedication of

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the Center changes, more than anything else, the philosophy behind the work done there, from often meaningless routine, to respect for students and faith in their future.

Gene Nuckolls introduced Rev Martin Luther King Sr, who was the main speaker, as a pioneer in civil rights, active in many organizations, and the recipient of honorary doctoral degrees from three universities. Rev King received a standing ovation as he came to the podium.

Rev King began his talk with a rather sly and soft-spoken sense of humor, and had his audience of about 800 persons chuckling right away. The talk was, in essence and tone, a simple thank you and an encouragement to make the new Center all that its dedication should mean.

Rev King admitted right away he was a preacher, had been one for 55 years, and didn't think a preacher could speak long without preaching. ("I tried to retire three times and haven't got out yet.") He warned the audience to fasten their seat belts, since he intended to talk some plain common sense.

He said he would speak to the young people since "we older ones are almost gone where we're going." But in his words was something for everyone.

His message? "I am not bitter, I do not hate. I have no ill will in my heart toward any man. Rev King admitted to feeling deep pain and loneliness, but said again; I am not bitter. I am every man's brother."

Rev King urged the simple positive virtues: courtesy, kineness ("it costs nothing to say good morning"), confidence, cooperation. Cooperation among all people should not be considered impossible. "Why," he asked, "did we all wait for the Supreme Court to demand that we all learn to get along, back in 1954?"

And the wrong is not all on one side. "There's some blacks hating just as deep as any white. Me, I'm trying to work with this business of brothers."

One black identity: "I've always been black and never asked God why He didn't make me different. God was getting along alright when He made me. I'm alright."

Rev King then referred to the difficulties experienced at Saginaw High. He said from what he had learned about it, "there wasn't a bit more need of all that trouble than anything!" (Applause) "You see, even our children are caught up in this mess."

To the students of Saginaw High, he said, "Here is what made Martin Luther King Jr the kind of man you want to name your center after. He simply learned that a man can't make it on fighting. He just preached love."

"President John Kennedy was killed by hate. Now, young people, I ask you, what have we got? Black Panthers, Black Muslums, Black this and Black that. Now we've got to sit down, Black and White, together and say, "Alright, White brother, you've been free and you've got some money; now let's get together."

Rev King ridiculed those whose schools, churches or anything else to be all black!

He argued with the separatists claim that the White race owes a financial debt to some Black group or other. "We have to ask," he said, "who is it that owes us this debt?" He described the poverty of his childhood, due partly to the dishonesty of the farmer who employed his father as a sharecropper. "But," he added, "those people are all dead now, so who are we going to lay this debt to? The people who owe me are all dead now."

Rev King paused and looked over the audience.

"I see cooperation, a sense of brotherliness and togetherness. But all is not well; I see apathy. And there's not as many white brothers as should have been here. Let's stop running from each other."

In conclusion, Rev King quoted a line from a theme song: "Deep in my Heart," "I do believe we shall overcome some day."

"I believe in this generation of young people. They're going to straighten this mess out."

Mrs Rose Ferrell, PTSA president, thanked Rev King for coming to Saginaw High for the dedication, and for the address in which he laid an inspirational cornerstone for the student service center.

The benediction, given by the Rev Gary Miller, was joyous and hopeful in tone, looking forward to the day when every man can say, "Free at last, Free at last, thank God almighty, I'm free at last." And the audience joined hands and sang, "We Shall Overcome."

A brief tour of the new Center was offered following the ceremonies and many took advantage of this chance to see the greatly improved facilities there.

It was a long, exciting and important day for Saginaw High, one that must be remembered if the Martin Luther King Jr Student Service Center is to fulfill its deepest purpose.

Visiting the Service Center.

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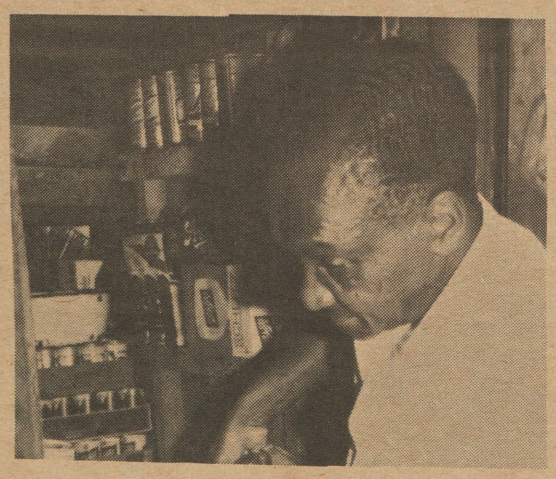

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Let Us Remember Martin Luther King

by PATRICIA HIGGINS

This is an appeal to make Dr Martin Luther King's birthday Jan. 15, 1929 a national holiday.

As a white, female liberal, I have been exposed to white people who have let it all hang out, in regard to the direction black people are taking today, in general and the proposal for the holiday in particular.

The direction of the black movement today and the holiday proposal are interconnected, one rising out of the other.

From the white reader, I request an openness to the opinions expressed. The objections to the black movement today can be summed up as follows: Black people want to much, to fast, their demands are exceptional and what about the other ethnic groups that have been discriminated against? Objections to the holiday are: 10 percent of the population, if there is a holiday honoring him, then there should be a national holiday for other ethnic heroes.

Very recently, whites have been tabulating what blacks have been getting. It's very odd and warped how they do not tabulate what has been taken away and denied, against what has been granted and shared. Very odd, indeed. That "oddity" is the racism some people are talking about while most deny its existence.

Most white people recognize the gross injustices of slavery and they also deny any responsibility for it, which, of course, enables them to condemn it. They are, however, responsible for today, for a perpetuance of a master slave mentality, for begrudging a black pride movement, a pride denied to a whole race of people.

They are responsible for allowing a distorted recording of history to continue. A recording that ignores black heroes, that ignores the contribution of black people, that skims over slavery and virtually ignores black people from the time of the emancipatation to the present.

They have continued to make exceptions of black people in all the negative ways that keep them from sharing in our society equally. They have a blind spot that enables them to discriminate against black people in a way that is different than the way any other group has been discriminated against.

Other ethnic groups have had strong cultural ties to relate to, to unite around. This enabled them to organize, to gain political power and control of their own destiny. Black people today are doing this identical thing and white people are afraid of it because it is called "Black power".

We must realize that everything in the past has been geared to white standards. We, of course, are unaware of it, we just accept it as we have never been exposed to anything else. It is a way of life in this country. If at this time, you're thinking, "what's wrong with that? whites are majority," understand that piety is not a synonym for majority.

The majority has proved to be most grievously wrong in the past, at times. The majority allowed slavery to become a reality, allowed the virtual annihilation of the American Indian and in other countries allowed the murder of six million people. Whites believing they are the majority, do not have the right to treat blacks in the exceptional manner that they do, mulling over just how far they may advance and by what means.

If we evaluate history honestly up to this time, we must realize that rethinking and restitution are called for. We cannot equalize the races

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Martin Luther King

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unless we do something to make up the deficit. Many white people have an almost neurotic fear that one hand recognizes the injustices of the past and on the other prevents them from supporting equalization fully, fearing that blacks might retaliate if equalized.

We can hardly make progress in race relations when a neurosis dominates our thinking. We must also recognize this racism before we can deal with it. Black people are involved in a movement which will enable them to advance and gain the same control of their destiny that other citizens have.

Supposing that we acknowledge the injustices and agree we should make some effort toward restitution and rehabilitating our society in regard to black people. Here is where I will relate to the holiday proposal and the arguments against it.

Dr King did not threaten violence, he only foretold it. His prophesy was correct. Dr King's philosophy was nonviolent. He was a Nobel Peace Prize winner. The reaction to his philosophy was two-fold.

First there were those who were inspired to follow him so that black people might be free to ride, eat, vote and share in the same manner as the rest of the citizens of this society, in the benefits of this society.

In the second group, the reaction was a violent attack on the man, King, and those who followed him. If we are to adapt the concept that Dr King is responsible for a violent reaction to his peaceful philosophy then we must hold Christ responsible for the persecution of the Christians by the Romans.

We must also withdraw Christ's birthday as a national holiday because he was also called a rabble-rouser and represented considerably less than 10 percent of the population in that time.

The lofty aims of Christ and men like Dr King are followed by violence, not because they are wrong but because they are not understood and man so violently rejects them. Someone once said "Christianity hasn't failed in this country. It hasn't been tried yet." Dr King recognized what all Christians profess to know, that Christ gave us all dignity by becoming our brother and that he died for all of us.

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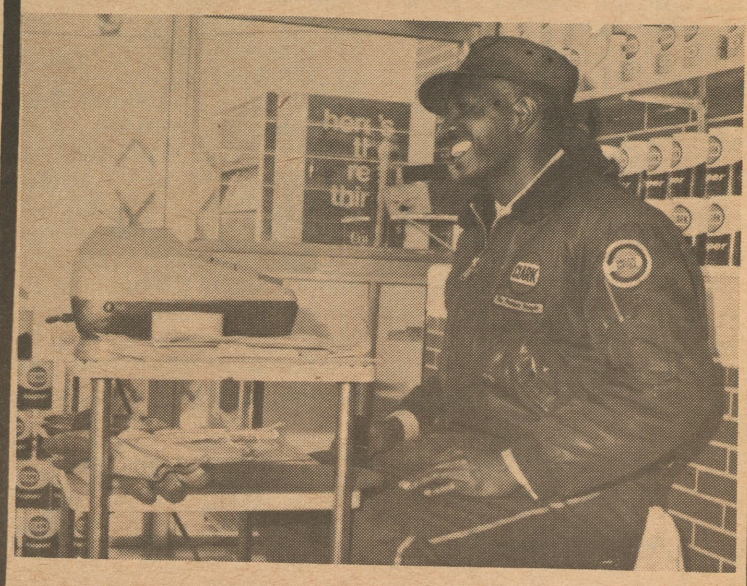

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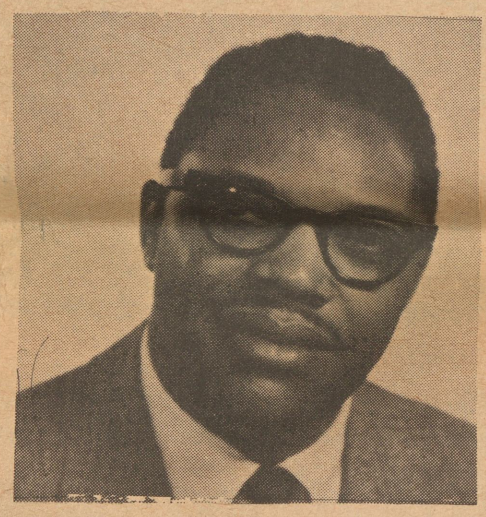

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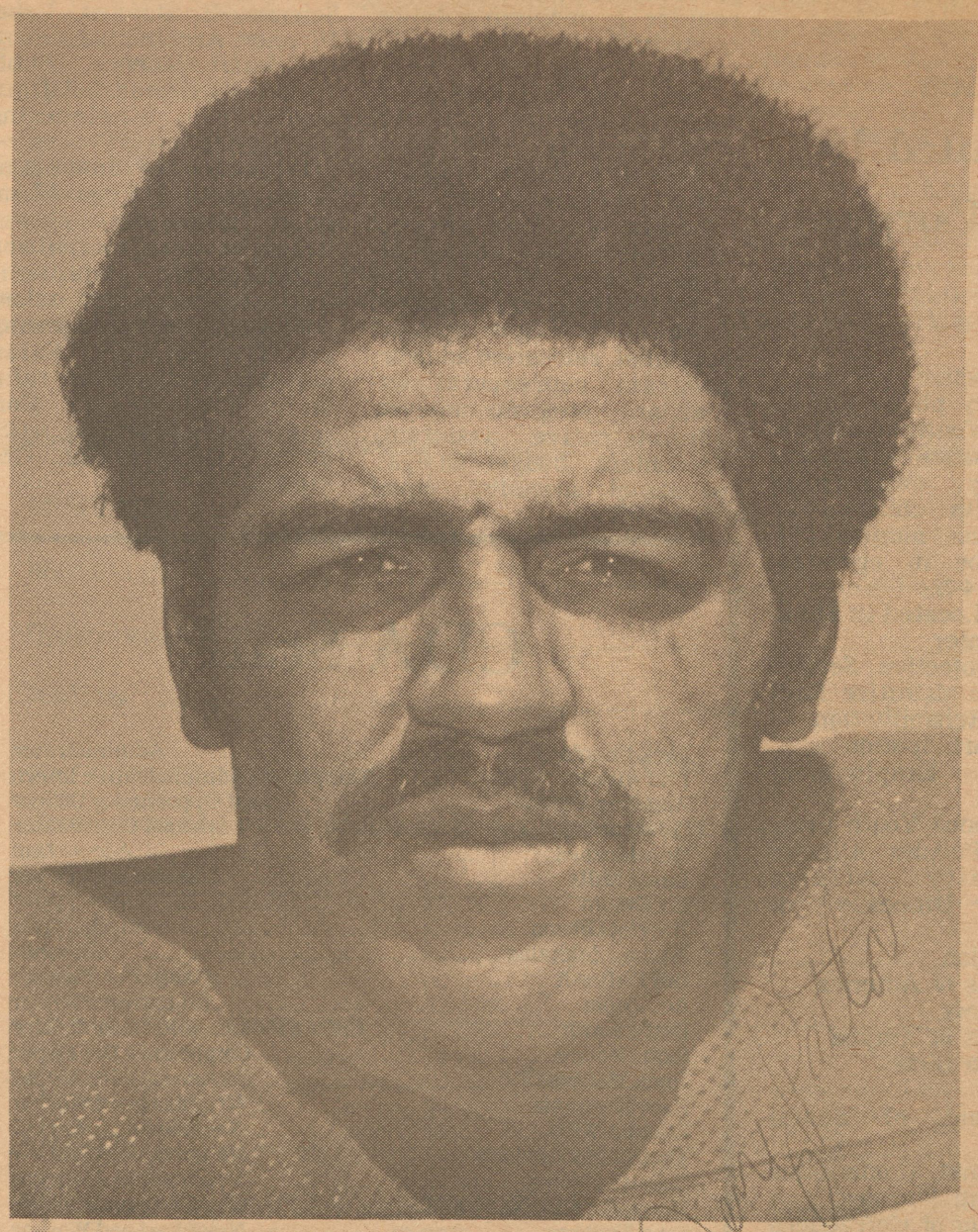
Jerry a six foot-three, 260 pounder gave a wonderful and most positively meaningful pep talk stressing the importance of continuing your education to its fullest extent.

With a gleaming glow within Mr Patton's eyes, he stated how happy he was to be here in his home town, and most happy the invitation Mrs Carter, Principal of Hevenrich School extended to him.

He went on chatting with the inspired students, who so willingly crowded into their small gym for an exciting assembly. Jerry stressed the work he put forth to get into the position he now holds, and how it will be just as hard for them to achieve a goal in life, and education is the key to success. Most of all, Jerry said, that gave credit where credit is certainly due, was that now there are good jobs, good teachers, and good education offered to each and every student — why not take advantage of it.

After the talk, there was a question and answer session, in which more questions were asked then the Valley Star reporter could think of herself. Most girls don't know too much about football, they go to watch the players, not the game. The boys and girls attending the assembly seemed to have quite a bit of knowledge of football and kept Jerry very busy.

According to the defensive tackle, the Minnesota Vikings have won fifty-three games and lost six, and the players don't often get seriously hurt during games due to good equipment, good trainers, and good doctors. They are conditioned for the type of body contact they receive.



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Even the friendly policemen
who faithfully pounds his beat.

What if you were a freeway
stretching from coast to coast,
That is the one place
where accidents occur the most.

Think of a once beautiful river
winding through hills and meadows green,
But now filled with filth and sewage
like nothing ever before seen.

The rivers can't complain but
I am sure they'd like to try,
Instead they struggle as long as posssble
They then choke up and die.

The forest takes a beating too
from man's devastating machines,
After once getting started
they strip a forest clean.

I am sure they too would like
to complain if they had a voice,
But they cannot say one word
therefore they have no choice.

Complaining solves nothing
is the point I am trying to make,
And if you continue to do so
you are making a big mistake.

Grandchildren learning business.

Community Grocery Determined To Continue

By Karen Webb

Thirteen years ago a very small store with only a few groceries and produce goods went into business under management of Mr and Mrs Davidson.

Mr Davidson originally from St. Louis, Missouri came to Saginaw to visit relatives and Mrs Davidson, Mrs Times at the time, came to Saginaw from Ohio because she heard that things were better here. They met and were married.

Mrs Davidson came up with the idea to start a store because she had at sometime previously ran a store at 534 Potter Street which moved its location to 642 North 3rd. Mr Davidson went along with the idea because his wife thought it would really work, and so it began in 1958.

Since then they have grown. This well known business has served generations upon generations and their products range from penny candies to fine meats to cold beer and wine. It's like a miniature supermarket.

Mr and Mrs Davidson really enjoy the grocery business because they really understand it. Our customers appreciate our service and we appreciate their business. We cater to kids because they are the ones who build our business and they will be our future adult customers. The grocery business is their living and they hope to see the business continued by their family. The Davidson's daughter manages the store now and their grandchildren are learning the business.

Even though they both love the business they feel now that it has become hazardous. There are so many robberies today. You never know when someone is going to "stick you up." But they both stated that, this is the only business they know and at their age, Mrs Davidson 61, and Mr Davidson 73, they can do nothing else.

Mr Davidson wishes that people could understand why their prices are higher than large supermarkets. Being a small store they can not order large amounts of goods as larger stores thus being able to lower the price nor is there as much rebate as the larger stores receive.

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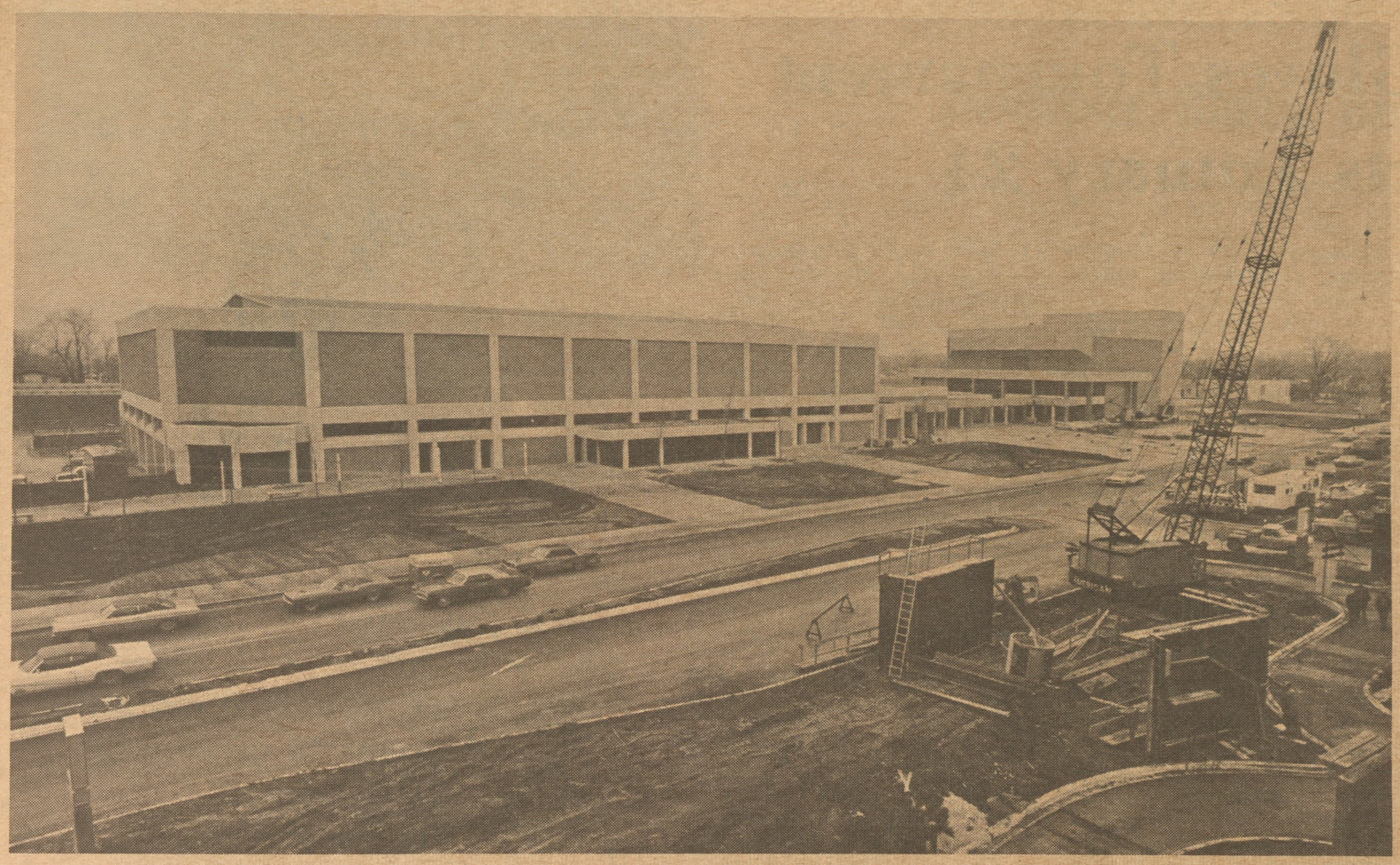

Civic Center Grand Opening Set For May

SAGINAW — At last Saginaw has its Civic Center. Two pre-Grand Opening attractions this past week. . the Shrine Circus and an exhibition hockey game between the U.S. Olympic Team and the Saginaw Stars . .played to an arena filled to capacity with enthusiastic patrons.

The east accessibility of the facility via the new I-675 extension and the ample protected adjacent parking, are anticipated to attract persons from throughout Northern Michigan.

The center, a distant dream of a 1907 common council, was once envisioned as a combined armory, auditorium, police and fire headquarters, and produce market. It is now a stately edifice containing a 7,400 seat sports arena, a 2,300 seat music hall-theater with a 90-foot high stage loft, and a 10,000 square foot exhibition hall, and is the object of much community pride and expectation.

According to a statement made by Mayor Paul H. Wendler in 1968, "The entire downtown development is waiting on the Civic Center, which in turn is the keystone in the development of the entire metropolitan area."

The grand opening, 16 days and nights of top-name entertainment, is scheduled for May 6th through 21st. This program is designed to both demonstrate the versatility of the center and bring great entertainment to outstate Michigan.

Nationwide Entertainment of Saginaw has been contracted to advise the city and to promote the event, and is currently negotiating contracts and working with the Civic Center Grand Opening Committees: the Steering Committee chaired by Mrs Kurt Ewend; the Music Hall-Theater Committee headed by Mrs John Shek; the Arena Committee of Ken McDonald; Mrs Gwen Kabobel's Assembly Hall Committee; and the Banquet Committee chaired by Harold Ross.

Arrangements for many of the events are near completion and the press, according to Nationwide President David W. Oppermann, will be notified of details in coming weeks as contracts are signed.

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Troester Elected Chairman

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Saginaw Police-Fire Civil Service Commission held January 6, 1972, Edmund M. Troester was elected Chairman of the Commission. Mr Troester had been appointed to the Commission by the City Council in November, 1969 for a term of six years. Bruce Mellinger, retiring chairman, and Mr Harvey van Benschoten continue to serve on the Commission. Mr van Benschoten serves as the elected representative of the Police and Fire departments. Bruce Mellinger serves as the member elected by the City's appointee to the Commission and the Fire and Police Officers' representative.

Edmund Troester, an attorney in the law firm of Walker, Troester and Picard, lives at 16 Roselawn Court. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1958 and the University of Detroit in 1963, and was admitted to the State Bar in 1963. For a short period of time he served as Assistant City Attorney for the City.

The Fire and Police Civil Service Commission supervises the selection of all police patrolmen and firefighters and their promotions and also sits on the review of disciplinary actions brought against any police officer or fireman.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Question: My son enlisted in the Army 3 years ago when he was 19. Six months ago he was injured in an explosion at the Army base and will be a patient in the base hospital for at least a year. Can he apply for monthly sscial security disability benefits even though he never worked in private industry?

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Question: I'm a working mother and would like to know whether my two children, who are 10 and 11, could get social security on my earnings record if I died or got disabled?

Answer: Children now have the same social security protection on their mother's record as on their father's. In the event of your death or disability, the children under 18 (or under 22 if still married and full-time students) would be eligible for monthly checks if you had worked long enough under social security.

If you wish information about social security, write to the Social Security Administration, Post Office Box 1487, Saginaw, Michigan 48605, or go to the office at 2130 Marshall Court, Saginaw, Michigan. The office is open Monday through Friday each week.

Golden Gloves Tournament Starts January 24

A long list of former Golden Gloves Champions are returning this year to try to duplicate their feats as the 1972 Saginaw Regional Golden Gloves Tournament begins Monday, January 24, 1972, at the new Saginaw Civic Center.

The St. Louis Boys Club is the defending club winner of the Saginaw Regional of 1972. Leading this club will be Alex Benavidez, Bantamweight. two time state champion in the Open Division at 118 pounds, with 35 wins against 6 losses. Boy Ortiz, Featherweight, at 126 pounds and a state champion in the Novice Division has 7 wins. Mike Duenas is a defending heavyweight champion in the Open Division while Raymond Nelson is the defending champion in the Novice Division. All of these fighters will try to keep the team championship in St. Louis.

Adolph Kincaid, Lightweight, and Willie Hill, Bantamweight, are returning champions fighting out of the First Ward Community Center.

The AIK Club has former champion Tom Blower of the Open Middleweight class.

Providing a nucleus for the club training in the new Lufkin Complex in Saginaw is Jack Stockford, Middleweight, a returning open champion at 165 pounds.

Alpena has produced another Holsworth, Dan, who will fight as a novice welterweight.

Port Huron has produced such champions as Tim Taylor, open welterweight from Sarnia; Sivio Fex, open lightweight; and Don Phillips, open lightweight.

Several fighters are returning from Bay City. There is Dan Hiltz at 175 pounds, the regional novice light heaveyweight champion; Oscar Ramirez, novice champ at 112 pounds; John Gorney at 118 pounds, the open champion; and returning from 1968 is Glen McPhee who will fight in the open heavyweight.

Many of these former fighters and returning champions are within the same weight divisions as last year. This could provide the very best amateur fighters to represent the Sag. Regional at the State Tournament in Grand Rapids on February 18 and 19, 1972. With this tough competition at the regional level the Saginaw Regional Team should place very high in the forthcoming State Tournament.

Tickets for Family Night (January 24) as well as the other preliminary bouts (January 31), the semifinals (February 7), and the finals (February 12) are on sale at the Civic Center; Lee Travel Bureau in Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland; and Goddeyne's Sporting Goods in Bay City.

Tickets: Ringside $3.00, reserved $2.50, balcony $2.00, and student $1.00 with the purchase of a ticket for Family Night providing for a free ticket for a child under 15 years of age.

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People Speak

BILLY JOHNSON of 1205 North 9th commented on the Civic Center. He cited their gym as being the thing about it he liked most. It's good that we are getting some important buildings on this side of town. Also more jobs are open due to the opening of this center. Wholesome entertainment provided by the center gives people a place to go.

ROBERT THOMPSON of 227 North 7th would like to see a small all purpose center for the teens under 18. There is really no place for them to go without being asked for some identification. Possibly in providing such a center, teens under 18 would not try to pass themselves off for an older age to get into the places they are not supposed to.

MRS ABDON ORNELAS of 2619 Needham would like to see a small community store in the neighborhood. She said that she as well as many others have to go great distances to get small items they may need. She also feels that more street lighting is needed on 17th and Norman, and would like to see something done, some progress made on many of our dim Saginaw streets.

GLORIA ESTRADA of 210 South 10th thinks that while the Civic Center is a beautiful place and a great idea, she feels that the city should have improved the surrounding areas first and then went on to the Center. She also feels that a lot of the money the city spends could be put to better use. Gloria also commented on the rising number of crimes committed. Something really needs to be done she said.

MRS CHARLES BURDEN thinks there should be a program for teens. The teens need more attention and the adult should get together with them. Older people should present challenges to them. There would not be so many bad teens if they had something worthwhile to work for. We have either got to get with them or see them go down the drain.

MRS MOORE of 225 North 9th thinks that more people should be made to know of Model Cities. I personally cannot see anything Model Cities has done because I don't really understand the program. More publicity in the Saginaw News is needed and perhaps even a television broadcast to explain their purposes more fully. Perhaps a little more organization within the structure would really make Model Cities a beautiful program.

MRS CASTENADA of 123 South 12th commended the Valley Star for good jobs on it's newspaper reporting. It's a very interesting paper and it keeps us informed of what's going on. There is no discrimination in the paper. It talks about everything to everybody. Saginaw has been in need of a community paper, supplying inside information to the people of the community. Someone deserves some recognition.

TYRONE BARNETT of 2507 commends Saginaw High for its improvements. It seems to be getting back on the right track. He thinks that the Martin Luther King Student Service Center is a great idea. This counseling center will really help enrich and better the school as a whole. Also the student body is more together and the principal seems to be doing all he possibly can to make the school system work.

Attention

Soul Food Workshop to be held at the YWCA, 615 S. Jefferson, January 25, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A demonstration will be given by Arthurene Banks. Potato pies, barbeque spareribs and various types of soul foods will be prepared. $1.00 fee for workshop — eat all samples.

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The Valley Star Newspaper of Model City would like your comments and suggestions about projects which have received Model Cities money.

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Her Health Salon Broke Another Black Barrier

by June Brown Garner

A racial mixture that is widespread in America is that of black and Indian, and one product of such a mixture is Patricia Triplett, 45, owner of a health salon on Fenkell.

She was born in Oklahoma City, where marriages between Blacks and Indians, as well as ownership of oil wells, were quite common. Although she is proud of her Choctaw ancestry, and finds the Indian easier to understand than the White man, she has always thought of herself as black.

"When I was a child, growing up in Springfield, O.," she says, "I always wanted to do things that Black people didn't do. When I was 15, my 17-year-old sister, Monchita and I ran away and joined the circus, doing a song and dance act. We traveled all over the Midwest until my mother and two detectives caught up with us in Iron Mountain, Mich. and took us back to Springfield."

Their punishment for running away was so stern they never ran away again. Pat went back to school, dreaming of becoming a nurse. Her mother sent her to a nursing school in Chicago, but before she finished she married Norman Triplett, an Oklahoman who was also a mixture of Black and Indian and who also had oil wells in his family.

He didn't want a working wife, but caring for their one daughter, Antoinette, wasn't enough challenge for a woman who liked to write poetry, paint, swim, hunt and play piano, so he agreed to allow her to take a course in massage and physical therapy. She graduated from the Detroit School of Swedish Massage in 1955 and went to work in a White health studio on Dexter. In less than a year, she bought the business and began operating it herself.

At that time, all her customers were white. Very few Black women knew about the healthful glow a massage gives; and she had owned the business four years before her first Black customer walked in.

"I was so happy to see her I almost kissed her."

After that, black women began coming more often, and now her salon, Antoinett's Health Studio at 12929 Fenkell, named in honor of her daughter, caters almost exclusively to Black women.

"In the past seven years, Black women have begun to understand what this is all about. At first, they thought you had to be wealthy to have a massage, or that it was a luxury similar to going on a vacation."

The Black woman's attitude toward massages is not surprising because most white health salons went out of their way to discourage Black business.

About two years ago, when two women friends, one black and one white, went to a large white health studio, the white woman was told the price of a course was $175 and that she could join immediately and pay in installments. The Black woman was told that the course cost $450 had to be paid cash in advance and that no openings were available for three months. Both women ended up taking Pat's $55 course.

Operating a massage salon has certain dangers. Many men mistakenly believe that physical therapy means all kinds of physical excitement will be provided by the female masseuse. This misunderstanding is so strong that Pat will not admit a man to her studio unless he has a written referral from his physician. Even after he produces one, she stays home and hires a male masseur to give the treatment.

Pat is determined to protect her good name, even if it means turning away business. As a result of her strict morality, she enjoys the respect of the city licensing bureau, the police department and all others involved in the physical therapy business.

Not only are amorous men refused; she does not admit drunken women either. Since the sauna bath achieved popularity, many people think a sauna is a good way to sober up and that it will sweat the alcohol out of the system.

"I don't recommend it," says Pat, "and I don't allow a drunken woman in my place. A person who's been drinking causes conflict in the sauna. Some people, suffering from arthritis or rheumatism, have been referred to me by their physicians and others come to relax or reduce, but all of them are calm and happy and don't want to be bothered by anybody who's drunk.

When the saying, "Black is beautiful" was expanded to include appearance as well as attitudes, black women developing more interest in diet and exercise and this new outlook, along with better jobs and more education, has caused Pat's business to increase.

"I'm glad that black women are realizing the value of diet and exercise — I've been preaching it for years."

Pat's husband, Norman Triplett, is a construction foreman whose favorite activity is deer hunting in Medicine Bow, Wyo. Their daughter, Antoinette, now 21, is an executive secretary at Stroh Brewery, and is married to Issac Bryant, manager of a Detroit and Northern Savings and Loan Office.

Rent-A-Kid Program Aids Pittsburgh Youth

Jobs for underprivileged youngsters were practically non-existent in Pittsburgh, Pa., until several companies, under the auspices of the National Alliance of Businessmen, came up with a Rent-A-Kid program which put children into paying summer jobs.

This part-time employment for economically disadvantaged kids between the ages of 14 and 17 resulted in a total of 726 job orders and placement of 412 youngsters during the summer. The average wage was $1.89 per hour and the average earning per youth was $9.85 per day. Eighty-two per cent of the kids came from families that were on some type of public assistance.

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Golden Gloves Tourney Starts Monday

The tenth annual Saginaw Regional Golden Gloves Tournament presented by the Saginaw Downtown Lions Club will get underway Monday January 24, 1972 at the new Saginaw Civic Center. Added excitement is found in all of the gymnasiums where the boxing clubs are training, due to 1972 being an Olympic year. The trainers have this in mind as they work their boys.

The club at the First Ward Community Center in Saginaw is being trained by SSG Albert Coney, US Army Recruiter and Former Armed Forces Boxing Champion.

Butch Otto and Marty Simmons are training the Lufkin Complex and AIW clubs in Saginaw, respectively. Several champions are in training under their experienced guidance.

A new team is being developed in the Sanford Lake area under the supervision of Roy Chamberlain. This team will bear watching this and next year.

The Boxing Team of Bay City is being trained by Dean Oswald. The fighters in this stable fought in the Saginaw Regional last year.

Bob McCalla and Jerry Nelson are the trainers of the Port Huron and St. Louis Clubs, respectively. There are several champions on each of these clubs and these clubs have a reputation for producing good fighters. The St. Louis Club was the team champion in the Saginaw Regionals in 1971.

These trainers will do their best to make the 1972 Saginaw Regional Golden Gloves Tournament the best ever.

These gymnasiums in this Northeastern Region of Michigan are open to any youth between the ages of 16 and 26 who want to participate in this year's Regional Golden Gloves Tournament.

Tickets for this first night as well as January 31, February 7 and February 12, 1972 are available by mail or over the counter at the new Saginaw Civic Center; Lee Travel Bureaus in Saginaw, Bay City and Midland; and Goddeyne's Sporting Goods in Bay City. Ringside at $3; reserved at $2.50; balcony, $2 and students $1. The advantage of the Family Night offer for this opening night of boxing provides free admission of one child under 15 years with the purchase of a ringside, reserved or balcony ticket by an adult.

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Blacks Still Share In Hope For Peace

BY ROY WILKINS

Why should man be happy in this holiday season? Is there not more trouble in our world than good works, more unease than ease? More flourishing of the wicked than of righteous?

It is a good exercise, this looking on the dark side, and an easy one. The axioms of the fast operator and of the habitual dissenters, as well as those of the professional grouches, surface whenever simple pleasures engage the generality of the population.

There always have been mavericks among Negro citizens. Many of them like their counterparts in other racial groups, have been the stimulators of racial progress. Instead of mass acquiescence, they have asked, "Why not?" and have thus spurred their people onward.

But of late years there has appeared a dark dissenter who has nothing to sell except dissent. He has declared was especially on the white world which, in one or another fashion, keeps its foot on black necks, or, less crudely, spreads its snake oil of black frustration with a smile and with smooth if unintelligible rhetoric.

His opposition to the world includes Christmas. He will tell black people that they have nothing to celebrate. If there is a Santa Claus, he is, he says, black not white. Who knows, he says, whether Jesus was white or black? These people forget, of course, that religious belief does not hang on the color of deity. The spirit is there, the God-in-us is there. To color it either white or black is to defy the racism which dissenters profess to despise.

For 1971, the black mavericks might cite the onerous handicaps which have been the lot of their people. In November the United States Civil Rights Commission found that after years of talk and legislation on fair employment-going back to 1941 — the federal government supposedly far in advance of Massachusetts or Mississippi had not a single department whose minority employment could be rates as adequate.

Or they might cite the count decisions in San Francisco and Detroit which held that for many years the school boards in those cities had been deliberately hamstringing the education of tens of thousands of black children. They might take the Griggs vs Duke Power Co decision ordering that tests for the promotion of black workers must be related to the job.

They could go to a federal court decision which held that urban renewal projects were being used to oust black families from cities. They could show that in practically every facet of American life, Negro Americans have struggled upstream against hazards, but against special perils devised or permitted by their own government.

Why, then, should Negro Americans celebrate the Christmas holiday season, which includes Hanukkah? Well, because few situations are totally lost. Besides, black Americans have been through bad times before. They know about the frozen faces of the federal government and of the Supreme Court.

They have known the cold eyes of governors and mayors, of bankers and of corporation heads. They know of the intellectual aloofness of college admissions officials. Full well, they know the flinty faces of their fellow American citizens. The present hardships, in one form or another have been surmounted or, at least, partially conquered.

Black Americans, like people all over the world, observe the holiday season because of a hope of peace between nations and races. Like Job's inquisitors they say, "And thou shalt be secure because there is hope." (Job 11:18).

It is a simple thing, this eternal hope, and it prevails against sophisticated logic rhetoric and rabing rabblerousing.

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